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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT : A Program for the Intelligence Panel of the NSCIC Working Group

1. The following comments supplement my memorandum of 24 October "Agenda for 25 October Meeting of the Intelligence Panel of the NSCIC Working Group."

2. The Intelligence Panel program should focus around the program: In what areas and on what matters do the production elements of the Intelligence Community need -- or want --guidance from the NSCIC?

3. The answer to that question will provide basis for the formulation of specific project proposals and/or study memoranda which the Panel can forward to the Working Group with a request that the Working Group formulate action recommendations for NSCIC approval.

4. The following are eight topics which could be explored:

a. Expanding involvement of the consumer community in the identification and formulation of Key Intelligence Questions.

Should, for instance, NSCIC Working Group members be solicited in March to provide proposed KIQs for inclusion in the new annual set to be issued in July?

b. Means of identifying policy problems expected to be of greatest interest within the next three months, six months, or a year for which warning of impending foreign developments would be of highest significance.

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c. Means of establishing and sustaining policy maker/intelligence dialogue in time-urgent situations.

d. Needed improvements in the system of flagging warning information so as to heighten assurance that policy level officials are aware that warning information is being provided.

e. Involving intelligence consumers in post-mortems of the functioning of the Intelligence Community in particular crisis situations.

f. Enhancing consumer feedback on particular intelligence products -- NIEs, NSSM inputs, and daily current intelligence.

g. Procedures for keeping the Intelligence Community appraised of US policy objectives which should influence the focus of intelligence collection and analytical efforts once a crisis situation importantly involving US interests has arisen.

h. Identification of the most important intelligence inputs required by military force planners and weapons system designers for the period 10-15 years in the future.

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